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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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SUBJECT: LOS: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AFFECTING LOS

1. THERE ARE CURRENTLY PENDING IN CONGRESS A NUMBER OF BILLS WHICH COULD, IF PASSED, AFFECT LOS NEGOTIATIONS. PASSAGE WOULD ALSO AFFECT CERTAIN U.S. BILATERAL INTERESTS. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES MOST IMPORTANT PENDING LEGISLATION FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. 200-MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION. THERE ARE OVER 20 BILLS NOW IN CONGRESS WHICH HAVE AS THEIR OBJECTIVE THE UNILATERAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A 200-MILE FISHING ZONE. MOST IMPORTANT ARE S. 961 (MAGNUSON BILL) IN SENATE AND H.R. 200 (STUDDS BILL) IN HOUSE. THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE IN BOTH HOUSES FOR PASSAGE OF 200-MILE LEGISLATION. PASSAGE IN SOME FORM IS LIKELY BEFORE END OF 1975. SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS FAVORING UNILATERAL FISHERIES LEGISLATION IS LARGELY BASED ON SERIOUS DEPLETION OF CERTAIN STOCKS OFF OUR COAST. PRESSURE FOR UNILATERAL ACTION ON FISHERIES AND, PERHAPS, DEEP SEABED, AND MARINE POLLUTION REFLECTS CONGRESSIONAL IMPATIENCE WITH RATE OF PROGRESS OF LOS NEGOTIATION. JOHN NORTON MOORE, CHAIRMAN, NSC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON LOS AND DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT LOS CONFERENCE, TESTIFYING BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, HAS STATED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN PROCESS OF STUDYING RESULTS OF GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE, SPECIFICALLY SINGLE, INFORMAL NEGOTIATING TEXT (SENT TO POSTS UNDER A-4025), BEFORE COMMENTING ON 200-MILE BILLS. HE PROMISED DETAIL EVALUATION BY EARLY SEPTEMBER. MOORE ALSO STATED THAT U.S. WOULD CONSULT WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. TEXT OF MOORE'S STATEMENT BEING POUCHED.

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3. DEEP SEABED LEGISLATION. BILLS IN BOTH SENATE AND HOUSE WOULD UNILATERALLY CONFER EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS ON U.S. CITIZENS TO MINE DEEP SEABEDS. THERE IS FAR LESS SUPPORT FOR THIS LEGISLATION THAN FOR 200-MILE FISHERIES BILLS BUT SUPPORT APPEARS TO BE GROWING. ADMINISTRATION IS REVIEWING RESULTS OF GENEVA LOS SESSION BEFORE TAKING POSITION ON INTERIM ACTION.

4. MARINE POLLUTION. SENATOR MUSKIE HAS PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD UNILATERALLY ESTABLISH A 200-MILE MARINE POLLUTION ZONE. AT PRESENT, THIS BILL HAS NOT ATTRACTED MUCH CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT AND WE DO NOT

ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BE PASSED THIS YEAR.

5. POSTS SHOULD NOT RAISE QUESTION OF U.S. DOMESTIC UNILATERAL LEGISLATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS BUT MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IF ASKED. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED WITH STATUS OF DOMESTIC U.S. LEGISLATION AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH ATTITUDES TOWARD SUCH LEGISLATION. IN RECENT DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN INQUIRIES FROM SOVIETS AND CANADIANS IN WASHINGTON. POSTS MAY PROVIDE COPIES OF MOORE STATEMENT IF ASKED ABOUT U.S. POSITION. PLEASE REPORT ANY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AS WELL AS ANY INDICATION THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD FOLLOW SUITE IF U.S. WERE TO PASS UNILATERAL LEGISLATION. IF EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE A STRONG ADVERSE REACTION TO ANY UNILATERAL U.S. ACTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS OF NATURE OF GOVERNMENTS RESPONSE. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH ANY CONCERNED GOVERNMENT ON THESE MATTERS.

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NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED LOURENCO MARQUES, SUVA, BUCHAREST AND NDJAMENA.

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